

VIRGINIA RECYCLING MARKETS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
March 28, 2006

10:00 AM to 12:00 P M
DEQ Piedmont Regional Office
Glen Allen, VA

FINAL MINUTES (Approved July 6, 2006)

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Phillip Abraham, RMDC Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. and welcomed the members of the Virginia Recycling Markets Development Council and members of the public to the meeting. He thanked DEQ for providing the facility for today's meeting. He introduced new members who were present as noted below:

RMDC	Representing	Absent RMDC	
Philip Abraham,	Plastics Industry	Michael Benedetto	Paper Industry
Sean Kumar	Public At Large	Stephen Thompson (new)	Aluminum
Tom Smith	VACO	Mike Murphy	VDEQ
Richard Lerner	Metal Industry	Robert Broom (new)	Composting Industry
Michael Ward	Oil Industry	William Vehrs	VDBA
W.A. Dennison Jr.	VML	Andrew Bopp	Glass Industry
John Kline	Tires	Diane Jones	Rural PDC
Dori Brown	Recycling		
Georgiana Ball	VDGS		
William Bailey	VDOT		
Eric Fidler (new)	Electronics		
Chip Goyette (new)	Urban PDC	Staff	Representing
Bernard Harris	Waste Industry	Steve Coe	DEQ
		Mellisa Porterfield	DEQ

Visitors	Representing
Pamela Gratton	Fairfax County
Alan Cummins	Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority
Frederick Hilliard	New River Resource Authority

2. Determining Quorum

A quorum for the Virginia RMDC has been established as a simple majority of the appointed members to the Council. The Council is fully represented by 20 appointed members. A minimum of one over 50% or 9 members must be present to establish a quorum. A total of 9 of the appointed members were in attendance at the start of the meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

The Chair asked the committee members to review the meeting agenda. No objections were raised so the proposed agenda was accepted. Mr. Lerner approved and Mr. Kline seconded.

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 16, 2005 meeting of the Council was motioned for approval. Mr. Kline approved and Mr. Lerner seconded.

5. Old Business

Report on HB 647-

Chairman Abraham described the process and passage of HB 647 which had been proposed by the Council to the 2006 General Assembly. The bill allows a recycling rate of less than the required 25%, but not less than 15%, for certain localities. He noted that the explanations offered were agreed to by legislators very early in the session and that the patron of a related bill in the Senate (SB 57-Senator Reynolds) agreed to conform his bill to the House bill. The measures have been signed by the Governor. Mr. Ward commended Chairman Abraham for his ability to shepherd the bills through the legislative process.

6. New Business

Steve Coe (VDEQ) introduced Melissa Porterfield (VDEQ) who circulated a handout and described the legislation which came before the General Assembly in 2006 and the status of several bills.

Steve Coe then circulated a handout and described the status of the Virginia Mercury Switch Collection Program and the End of Life Vehicle Solutions Corporation (ELVS).

Mr. Coe asked that the Recycling Rate Subcommittee be in a stand down mode and Mr. Abraham noted that the committee would not be active unless directed by

the Council. Mr. Coe then passed out several maps which showed the recycling rate localities with less than 100 persons per square mile and a colored map showing locality recycling rates at 25% or more, 15% to 25%, and below 15%.

Nominating Committee:

Mr. Abraham noted that his one year term had extended to two in light of the legislative effort in 2005-2006. He announced he intends to step down as chair after the September 2006 meeting. In preparation, he appointed a Nominating Subcommittee consisting of Sean Kumar, Tom Smith, and Richard Lerner to propose a new Chair and Vice-Chair for the Council and report their recommendations in September. Mr. Abraham appointed Mr. Lerner as Chairman of the nominating committee.

7. Locations and Dates for Future Meetings:

By way of discussion among members the following dates were proposed for future meetings of the Council for 2006:

Tuesday, June 20

Tuesday, September 26

Tuesday, December 5

The consensus of members was that the meetings should all be held in the Richmond area.

8. Goals and Work Plan for 2006

Chairman Abraham noted that the Virginia Code states that the Council shall develop a work plan annually.

Discussion centered on the following issues to be part of the work plan:

-Assist localities in meeting the recycling mandate (incorporate assistance of the Local Government Assistance Subcommittee) especially those under the 15% rate.

-Refocus on electronic recycling efforts

-Consider sharing information and reviewing recycling market programs in NC/SC as well as Pennsylvania. Look at their tax credits and incentives.

-How to get list of local MRF operators/bailers.

-Updates from commodities represented on RMCD.

-Update on Va. Solid Waste regulations

-EPA “35%” paper and food waste program update.

** At this point in the meeting Chairman Abraham had to leave due to a conflict and Mr. Dennison served as acting Chairman.*

9. Public Comment:

Pamela Gratton from Fairfax expressed interest in obtaining a list of all manufacturing facilities that will take materials for recycling. Steve Coe (VDEQ) and other members discussed the difficulty in obtaining such a list but indicated that The EPA Region III database and links on the DEQ markets directories website may be helpful.

Another question she raised was whether the language of HB 448 on grant percentages might reduce DEQ staff. DEQ staff indicated this issue was under review and they were asked to provide an update on this point at the June meeting.

The question was also raised as to whether RMDC would be weighing in on the solid waste regulation comments. It was noted that several members of the RMDC were involved with that process so there should be adequate interaction and input as needed.

Mr. Coe reminded participants about the Virginia Environmental Conference on April 18-20 in Lexington, distributed a handout, and encouraged attendance.

With no other business brought forward for discussion, Acting Chairman Dennison adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:30 a.m.

